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Miss Lee Cope, of Haddfield, Pa., is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. Ralph Ferner, in this place.

The first "spot" of rough maple sugar of this season's manufacture, was placed on sale in the local stores Monday.

The seedsmen are trying to make it think it is garden making time by putting pictures of big turnips in their shop windows.

Mr. Gilliam Waller, of Millard township, will conduct the "Hoffman House," opposite the railroad station in this place, after April 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLoach, of Somerset township, mourn the death of their young son, who died Saturday, after whooping-cough.

Parker & Parker are furnishing—with the exception of a few rooms—all of the carpets that will be used in the new "Hotel Vanmar." More than 2,000 yards of carpet will be required.

At the Presbyterian church, services will be held as usual next Sabbath, March 17th. In the morning the pastor will preach from the text: "Things which cannot be shaken." Preaching also in the evening at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Caroline Gross, who came from Germany to Berlin about thirty-four years ago, died at her home in that place last Wednesday evening, aged 90 years. She was held in high esteem by all her neighbors.

G. A. Muller, aged 78 years, died at his home in Berlin, on Monday, March 4th, from inflammation of the bowels. The deceased was born in Germany. He was married three times and is survived by two sons, 3 and one daughter.

The many friends of Conrad Tobias Yoder, of Somerset township, will be pleased to learn that he has been granted an increase of pension. Conrad Yoder carries seven wounds around with him as an evidence that he was in "the late unpleasantness."

Mr. Lottay Forney, of Ursina, who was recently appointed Notary Public by Governor Hastings, was in Somerset Monday for the purpose of filing his commission. Mr. Forney will be doing a capable and courteous official.

Thomas McCollough is preparing to build a new \$3,000 frame residence in Confluence. Work will be commenced on it as soon as the weather will permit and it will be finished in about six weeks.

Representative Miller has introduced a bill in the legislature repealing the clause in the act of assembly which prohibits burgesses from succeeding themselves, after having served a term of three years. Some people think the bill was introduced at the instance of Burgess Welley.

Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Litch, of Somerset township, and Miss Joe Beckley, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, in Waterloo, Iowa, on Friday evening, March 8th. The groom was a former pupil clerk in the store of Parker & Parker, in this place.

Films, edited of Daniel Hoffman, who died at his residence in Danville, last December, passed away at her home in that place at 3:30 o'clock Friday morning, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Hoffman's maiden name was Unburn, and she was born seventy-two years ago, about three miles east of Danville.

Chairman Linton, of the Democratic County Committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held in the Democrat office between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M., on March 30th, at which time a chairman will be elected for the ensuing year and delegates to the Democratic State Convention will be chosen.

Charles McEldon, who is claimed, both here and in the United States, as another contractor in the United States, died last week at his home in Philadelphia. The deceased had the contract for the Allegheny tunnel on the South Penn Railroad and was well-known in this county. He left a large fortune.

Mr. Donald Hershberger, an old and highly-respected citizen of Conemaugh Township, made a misstep on last Wednesday morning and broke his leg between the knee and thigh. The old gentleman is getting along very comfortably and the hope is that he will recover the use of his limb entirely within a few weeks.

It is claimed that certain Meyersdale public school teachers are claiming for Pittsburgh Times coupons in the interest of a West Va. candidate for the Times' European tour. Of course the teachers referred to have a right to do as they please with their own money, but it is felt that it would be better policy to work for a candidate from our own county and State.

The Directors of the Poor let the contract to rebuild the addition to the frame white house, on the Poor Farm, to R. B. Granger, for \$2,000. The building is 24 by 30 feet, two stories, slate roof, and supplied with all the modern conveniences. Heat and water, with both and water closets on each floor. The building to be completed by the 23rd of August 1935.

The distribution of the sugar bounty will place about \$1,750.00 among the maple sugar producers of this internal revenue collection district. The bounty has been filed in the Collector's office in Pittsburgh, a majority of them being filed by farmers from this county.

The largest claim presented by my predecessor in this office, of Pennsylvania, is that of Elijah Livingston, of Elk Lick township, this county, who will receive \$297.92. A dispatch from Washington says the internal revenue officials would not make public Mr. Livingston's place of residence.

Considerable complaint was heard from jurors in attendance at the last term of court, which ended Thursday, at their being dragged around town before they could receive their pay for their services. Heretofore when jurors were discharged their time was certified by the Prothonotary and they were given their pay and received their pay roll and received their pay. Just why this proper and convenient manner of paying jurors was discontinued and the mode introduced last week substituted, is not known, and the public would like to know. Surely the County Treasurer is the proper person to pay bills contracted by the county and his office is the place at which they should be paid.

From all that can be learned there will likely be some lively kicking when the tax collector of Somerset borough makes a number of years past the valuation of his records this year. It is claimed that the assessor increased the valuation of all properties in the town when he made his return to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners thinking the assessor was too moderate in his valuation, returned by the assessor to the tax payers of the borough should look into this matter and if the above allegations are correct they should attend the appeals to be held in the assessor's office on April 4th, and attend a vigorous protest. A five mill water tax—in addition to all other tax levies—will be collected from the property holders of the borough this year.

Death of Harry G. Holderman. Harry, youngest son of Major and Mrs. John H. Holderman, died at the home of his parents, on Main Street, shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning, from typhoid fever, aged thirty-three years.

Mr. Holderman had been employed the past year as a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia firm, and three weeks ago returned to his home, suffering from a heavy cold. In a few days typhoid fever developed. His condition became alarming a week ago and since Friday his life was despaired of. Sunday morning there was an apparent change in the patient's condition when the fever subsided and he fell into a sound sleep from which he was aroused at intervals only a few minutes at a time until death came. The end was peaceful and painless.

For a number of years the deceased was employed in his father's dry goods house where he was extremely popular with all classes. He was a man of fine physique and powerful constitution and none of his friends ever entertained the thought that he would fall a victim to disease. His venerable parents and all his friends have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Sugar Makers. Why use wooden keelers for maple sap that leak and waste the sap, when you can buy a good tin or galvanized iron keeler for the same price, say \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hundred? We have them in stock. Call and see them.

P. A. SCHELL.

Judge Samuel Snyder Dead. Ex-Assessor Judge Samuel Snyder, 52 years of age, passed away at 10:30 p. m. Monday at his residence in Berlin, after a illness of many months duration. Death resulted from a combination of kidney and stomach troubles. The funeral will take place at Berlin at two o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Court Proceedings. The trial of Miss Mary Hertz vs. the Borough of Somerset for \$3,000 damages, which was tried before Judge Longenecker, last week, resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$775.00. It is alleged that ten members of the jury were in favor of rendering a verdict giving the plaintiff a much larger amount, while the remaining ten jurors thought that \$300 would compensate her for the injury she sustained. A compromise was agreed upon when a verdict for the amount mentioned above was returned. Counsel for the Borough presented a motion for a new trial.

Readers of the Herald will remember that the plaintiff tripped and fell on a defective crossing on the street in front of her home, one Sunday evening during the fall of 1931, when she was returning to her home on West Main street after attending religious services in the Lutheran Church. The defendant, who was not wearing a hat, was injured and as a consequence Miss Hertz, who is a popular seamstress, instituted a suit for damages.

On the trial of the case evidence was introduced showing that the crossing in question had been in a dangerous condition for a number of years, notwithstanding the fact that the attention of the borough authorities had been called to its condition. In fact the most damaging testimony on this point was given by one of the Borough's witnesses, who testified that he had been sent to repair the crossing, but was unable to do so for the materials furnished him were of such inferior quality that he was unable to complete the crossing, while other witnesses testified to the permanency of the plaintiff's injury.

The defense set up was that of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, who admitted that she had known of the dangerous condition of the crossing for a long time prior to the accident.

The verdict of the jury is generally admitted to have been a fair one and should serve as a warning to town councils that they cannot permit dangerous street crossings to exist without being held responsible for any damage that may ensue by reason of their dangerous condition. A heavy tax is annually levied upon and collected from the taxable property of Somerset borough for the purpose of maintaining her roads and pavements, and it should not be diverted into other channels, as there is reason to believe has been the case heretofore.

In the matter of the application of Harvey G. Stahl, of Joners, for a retail liquor dealer's license, which had been held over from the preceding week until a trial pending against the applicant on a charge of selling liquor to persons of known intemperate habits had been discontinued, the Court granted the application.

The Menomonee Country Association, of Conemaugh township, was granted a charter.

The petition of certain citizens of Berlin praying that the membership of the town council of that borough be increased from three to six was favorably acted upon.

As soon as Court convened Monday morning Judge Longenecker issued a rule on Mrs. Alice K. Highminton, of Addison, to show cause why a retail liquor dealer's license issued to her should not be revoked. Later in the week the license was transferred to Chas. A. Mitchell.

The Court issued an order directing the County Commissioners to unite with the Commissioners of Fayette County in erecting bridges over the Youngstown River at Confluence, and further ordered that a contract for said bridge be let within the next sixty days.

\$50 fine, the cost of prosecution and twenty days in jail was the sentence imposed by the Court to Charles Shaffer, who had been convicted at December term of furnishing liquor illegally.

A popular concert Thursday night. Manager Caselotte, of the Opera House, has secured a splendid attraction for his place of amusement for Thursday evening, March 14th, in "Lovers' Boston Stars," one of the leading musical organizations before the public. The post being desirable, there were many applicants. One of these, after saying that he would like to have the place, informed the trustees that his great-grandfather had been a signer of the Declaration of Independence, that his grandfather had been governor of Virginia, and that his father had commanded a brigade in the Confederate army. Another applicant said that his maternal great-grandfather had been a member of the house of burgesses in the colonial days, that his paternal grandfather had been United States senator, that his father was a circuit judge, and so on through 20 or more letters. The board listened patiently to the reading of the letters and then an elderly member, a prominent stockholder arose and said, "My president, I move that we sign the Declaration of Independence, these young gentlemen and tell them that were looking for a man to teach Greek, not one to breed from."—Julp.

Dr. W. S. Mountain Entertains His Friends. Dr. W. S. Mountain, of Confluence, gave a supper to his numerous friends on Saturday evening, the 2nd inst. There were 50 persons, all told, present on the occasion (all gentlemen). A delightful program was prepared, consisting of oyster cream, cream, and a delicious variety of cake, oranges, bananas, etc. The land was selected and a delightful evening was spent and the Dr. and his estimable wife tried to make everybody happy and feel at home. The company broke up at midnight, happy to meet, sorry to part, and anxious to meet again.

OKY PRESENT. Galvanized iron sump pails are cheap, durable, strong, will not leak, or rust the sap. They are on hand and ready for shipment. Write for prices. J. B. HOLDERBAUM, Somerset, Pa.

The Zuffall Murder. Last week J. T. Yaste, a Chambersburg sales keeper, and D. E. Gordon, also a resident of that city, were arrested at the instance of W. H. Zuffall, of Meyersdale, on a charge of being implicated in the murder of William Zuffall, a prominent citizen of that city. The prisoners were given a preliminary hearing on Wednesday when a number of witnesses were examined. Beyond producing evidence that Grant Zuffall was murdered no new light was thrown on the case. The State sought to show that Grant had been murdered in Yaste's place over a game of cards. H. B. McKee, who travels for a Pittsburgh cracker firm, testified that on Christmas night he went to the Yaste place, and, becoming intoxicated, was taken to bed in a room above the saloon. Some time during the night he awoke to find a sharp pain in his neck. Going to the looking glass, he discovered that while he was sleeping a deep gash had been cut in his throat, by whom or when he did not know. He stated that he did not know Zuffall; had never seen him and had never met him. He told his story in a straightforward manner and was discharged.

McKee's evidence was a great disappointment to the murdered man's friends and they were able to clear up the tragedy and reveal who the murderers are. Later in the week the prisoners were discharged from custody.

Stirred Up a Hornet's Nest. The second day of the investigation of the County Commissioners of Blair county brought out some startling revelations. Commissioners Hays and Pank, it was shown that numerous bridges were built to alleged favorites of those men without even the preliminary steps of advertising, letting, and the usual commissioning. Pank, nevertheless, admitted the contracts until the men went to work upon the bridges. As to the Court House painting, Ross Painter, Lehigh Valley, it was his custom on getting a check for work to take out his wages and then turn the balance over to Commissioner Hurl. Commissioner Pank filed his protests to all illegal contracts and in fact received \$1,000 for work done on the same. Contractor Dinkler swore that he was given the masonry contract for the Eldorado bridge on condition that he would lay some from a masonry firm who owned a share in the contract. 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